

Good News

for all people.

The Gospel of Luke



Text: Luke 22:31-62

Icebreaker: What are your plans to celebrate Easter? Do you have any traditions you'll be a part of again this year?

1. Read verses 31-34. What traits or qualities does Jesus exhibit in these verses as he talks with Peter?

Application: Imagine you knew how others close to you would betray you, fail you, etc. in the future. How do you think that might impact how you'd relate to them in the present? How does that compare with what we see here from Jesus?

2. Jesus tells Peter, "I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail" and then instructs him on what to do afterward. Peter certainly "failed" in his denials of Jesus, so was Jesus's prayer ineffective? Why?

Application: Read Romans 8:34. We can live with this same promise that Jesus gave Peter. How does that help you as you think of times you've fallen short in faithfulness?

3. Read ahead to verses 54-62. How would you compare and contrast the actions of Peter to those of Judas?

Application: What kind of circumstances do we encounter in our daily lives that could tempt us to distance ourselves from Jesus (like what Peter does here)?

4. Verse 62 describes Peter's reaction to his failure. What does it suggest about what Peter was experiencing in that moment?

Application: What other reactions could we have when we've failed to be faithful to Jesus? Why is Peter's reaction a good indicator that his heart was still committed to Jesus?

5. *Application:* It's not pleasant to think about how we, like Peter, have sought to distance ourselves from Jesus or made other decisions that undermine what we say we believe.

Considering our own failures, where can we see God's grace toward us in this passage? Take a few moments to thank God for his forgiveness, his prayers for us (Rom 8:34), and how he loves us despite our failures.